

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ : നടപടികൾ എടുത്തുവരുന്നു.

ശ്രീ. എം. ഐ. പോൾ : ഈ നടപടികൾ തീരുമാനിക്കാതെ നീട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. Speaker : The question is to general and need not be answered.

ശ്രീ. കെ. ആർ. ഇലക്തൂർ : ഈ സംഗതി എപ്പോഴാണ് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഒപ്പുയിൽ പെട്ടത്?

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ : വളരെക്കാലമായില്ല.

Question No. 30 was not put.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamani :

REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF TALUKS

***754. [31] Sri. R. Chellaswami Nadar:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to reduce the number of taluks;
- (b) whether any committee is appointed to go into that question; and
- (c) the number of taluks to be reduced?

Sri. E. John Philipose :

(a) The question of reducing the number of taluks has not yet been taken up for consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to part (a).

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

***755. [32] Sri. Alexander Vakayil:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total number of clerical posts in the Education Department in Cochin State;
- (b) of these clerical posts, what is the percentage of posts on 80-125;
- (c) what are the similar figures in the Departments of Revenue, P. W. D., Accounts, Medicine etc., (Major);
- (d) is it a fact that the graduate rule of 50 per cent to promotion to 80-125 insisted only in the Education Department;
- (e) is it a fact that relaxation of graduate rule of 50 percent to promotion to 80-125 is denied to Education Department only.
- (f) is it a fact that under-graduates of over 20 years of service need not be subjected to graduate rule for promotion to 80-125 grade;
- (g) is it not a fact that in all departments except Education under-graduates of more than 20 years' service are promoted to 80-125 grade; and
- (h) if so, give the number of under graduate clerks in the Education Department who are denied promotion to 80-125 in spite of their service for 20 years or more?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

- (a) 159.
- (b) 9 per cent.
- (c) Accounts Department 327 and 7.3 per cent.
Revenue Department 132 and 12.1 per cent.
Medicine 34 and 6 per cent.
P. W. D. 497 and 1.39 per cent.
- (d) No.
- (e) No.
- (f) Under-graduates who have put in 20 years of unblemished service will rise up to Rs. 125.
- (g) No.
- (h) Does not arise in view of answer to part (g).

PURCHASE OF DRUGS

***756 [33] Sri. Alexander Vakayil:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state.—

- (a) is it the purchasing committee that arranges the purchase of drugs and other medicines required for the hospitals;